



**HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

Housing Advisory Commission

**Time: 7:03 pm**  
**Held via Video and**  
**Teleconference**

**Secretary – Mike Uberti**  
**HAC@cityofberkeley.info**

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **1. Roll Call**

Present: Nico Calavita, Sara Fain, Xavier Johnson, Libby Lee-Egan, Mari Mendonca, Debbie Potter, Ainsley Sanidad, and Leah Simon-Weisberg.

Absent: Alexandria Rodriguez (unexcused).

Commissioners in attendance: 8 of 9

Staff Present: Mike Uberti

Members of the public in attendance: 11

Public Speakers: 5

### **2. Agenda Approval**

Action: M/S/C (Mendonca/Calavita) to approve the agenda.

Vote: Ayes: Calavita, Fain, Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Sanidad, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rodriguez (unexcused).

### **3. Public Comment**

There were no speakers during public comment.

### **4. Approval of the February 3, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes**

Action: M/S/C (Potter/Simon-Weisberg) to accept the February 3, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Calavita, Fain, Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Sanidad, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rodriguez (unexcused).

### **5. Discussion and Possible Action on a Housing Preference Policy**

Public Comment: 5

Action: M/S/C (Simon-Weisberg/Johnson) to recommend City Council take the following actions:

- Adopt a policy to establish the following preferences for new affordable housing created via the City's Housing Trust Fund and Below Market Rate programs:
  - Displacement due to eminent domain for BART construction (first priority, separate lottery)
  - Displaced from Berkeley due to foreclosure since 2005 (one point)
  - Families with children (one point)

- Homeless or at risk of homelessness (one point)
  - Ties to redlined areas (one point)
  - Ties to redlined areas – historical (one point)
  - Displaced from Berkeley due to eviction within the past seven years (one point); and
- Share the research that informed these recommendations with the City’s reparations consultant; and
  - Fund a study to document the City of Berkeley’s history of discriminatory actions as well as its actions to regulate or fail to regulate discrimination in the housing market. This work should be sourced to local community organizations advancing racial justice initiatives in the community; and
  - Adopt an ordinance to remove credit checks and eviction history from applications for housing.

Vote: Ayes: Calavita, Fain, Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Sanidad, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rodriguez (unexcused).

**6. Update on Council Items (Future Dates Subject to Change)**

**7. Announcements/ Information Items**

**8. Future Items**

**9. Adjourn**

Action: M/S/C (Calavita/Fain) to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 pm.

Vote: Ayes: Calavita, Fain, Johnson, Lee-Egan, Mendonca, Potter, Sanidad, and Simon-Weisberg. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rodriguez (unexcused).

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_, Mike Uberti, Secretary